

Initial Claims - November 2004

There were 6,318 initial claims filed for Unemployment Insurance Benefits in November 2004; an increase of 787 (14.2%) from the 5,531 claims filed in November 2003. The estimated number of layoffs prevented as a result of Rhode Island's Workshare Program numbered 69 up from 66 in November 2003.

According to our Mass Layoff Statistic's Program, 2,344 firms laid off workers in November. A total of 4,911 claims were filed by workers associated with these firms. There were 33 significant events identified this month. A significant event involves firms having a layoff of twelve or more people.

November Initial Claims By Major Industry Division		
Industry	Claims	Percent
Total, All Industries	4,911	100.0%
Agriculture, Forestry, and Fishing	299	6.1%
Mining	3	0.1%
Construction	675	13.7%
Manufacturing	780	15.9%
Transportation, Communication & Utilities	142	2.9%
Wholesale Trade	150	3.1%
Retail Trade	545	11.1%
Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate	180	3.7%
Services	1222	24.9%
Government	41	0.8%
Not Classified	874	17.8%

Employees in the Services sector filed 1,222 initial claims accounting for 25 percent of the initial claims filed this month. Business Services (355) and Health Services (213) had the largest losses in this sector.

Initial claims filed by manufacturing workers totaled 780 representing 16 percent of the November claims. Within this sector, the Primary Metal Industries accounted for the most layoffs (166). Followed by, Textile Mill Products with (137) and Miscellaneous Manufacturing (133), which includes the Jewelry industry.

Construction workers filed 675 initial claims accounting for 14 percent of the month's initial claims.

Initial claims filed by Retail Trade workers numbered 545 representing 11 percent of the initial claims filed this month. More than one-third of these claims were filed by employees from Eating and Drinking Places (199).

Monthly Highlight: The Services Sector has again filed the largest number of claims. This sector is mainly moved by Business Services which consists of the temporary help agencies. The manufacturing sector is showing various layoffs throughout the state with the major layoffs in the Primary Metals and Textile Mill Products industries. Construction workers are showing layoffs related to the seasonality of the industry.

November 2004 Layoffs by Industry

SIC Code Industry	Number	Percent
Total Industries	4,911	100%
Agriculture	299	6.1%
01 Agriculture Production - Crops	53	1.1%
02 Agricultural Production - Livestock and Animal Specialties	0	0.0%
07 Agricultural Services	238	4.8%
08 Forestry	1	0.0%
09 Fishing, Hunting, and Trapping	7	0.1%
Mining	3	0.1%
14 Mining and Quarrying of Nonmetallic Minerals, Except Fuels	3	0.1%
Construction	675	13.7%
15 Building Construction - General Contractors and Operative Builders	95	1.9%
16 Construction - General Contractors	107	2.2%
17 Construction - Special Trade Contractors	473	9.6%
Manufacturing	780	15.9%
20 Food and Kindred Products	20	0.4%
22 Textile Mill Products	137	2.8%
23 Apparel and Other Finished Products Made from Fabrics and Similar Materials	8	0.2%
24 Lumber and Wood Products, Except Furniture	8	0.2%
25 Furniture and Fixtures	26	0.5%
26 Paper and Allied Products	10	0.2%
27 Printing, Publishing, and Allied Industries	21	0.4%
28 Chemicals and Allied Products	19	0.4%
29 Petroleum Refining and Related	0	0.0%
30 Rubber and Miscellaneous Plastics Products	38	0.8%
31 Leather and Leather Products	5	0.1%
32 Stone, Clay, Glass and Concrete Products	14	0.3%
33 Primary Metal Industries	166	3.4%
34 Fabricated Metal Products, Except Machinery and Transportation Equipment	67	1.4%
35 Industrial and Commercial Machinery and Computer Equipment	49	1.0%
36 Electronic and Other Electrical Equipment and Components, Except Computer Equipment	27	0.5%
37 Transportation Equipment	25	0.5%
38 Instruments	7	0.1%
39 Miscellaneous Manufacturing Industries	133	2.7%
Transportation, Communication, and Public Utilities	142	2.9%
41 Local and Suburban Transit and Interurban Highway Passenger Transportation	21	0.4%
42 Motor Freight Transportation and Warehousing	29	0.6%
43 United States Postal Service	2	0.0%
44 Water Transportation	37	0.8%
45 Transportation by Air	6	0.1%
47 Transportation Services	8	0.2%
48 Communications	29	0.6%
49 Electric, Gas, and Sanitary Services	10	0.2%
Wholesale Trade	150	3.1%
50 Wholesale Trade - Durable Goods	90	1.8%
51 Wholesale Trade - Nondurable Goods	60	1.2%
Retail Trade	545	11.1%
52 Building Materials, Hardware, Garden Supply, and Mobile Home Dealers	33	0.7%
53 General Merchandise Stores	30	0.6%
54 Food Stores	61	1.2%
55 Automotive Dealers and Gasoline Service Stations	93	1.9%
56 Apparel and Accessory Stores	23	0.5%
57 Home Furniture, Furnishings, and Equipment Stores	35	0.7%
58 Eating and Drinking Places	199	4.1%
59 Miscellaneous Retail	71	1.4%

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SIC Code Industry	Number	Percent
Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate	180	3.7%
60 Depository Institutions	74	1.5%
61 Nondepository Credit Institutions	54	1.1%
62 Security and Commodity Brokers, Dealers, Exchanges, and Services	14	0.3%
63 Insurance Carriers	9	0.2%
64 Insurance Agents, Brokers, and Service	4	0.1%
65 Real Estate	24	0.5%
67 Holding and Other Investment Offices	1	0.0%
Services	1,222	24.9%
70 Hotels, Rooming Houses, Camps, and Other Lodging Places	112	2.3%
72 Personal Services	27	0.5%
73 Business Services	355	7.2%
75 Automotive Repair, Services, and Parking	37	0.8%
76 Miscellaneous Repair Services	31	0.6%
78 Motion Pictures	1	0.0%
79 Amusement and Recreation Services	189	3.8%
80 Health Services	213	4.3%
81 Legal Services	22	0.4%
82 Educational Services	36	0.7%
83 Social Services	85	1.7%
84 Museums, Art Galleries, and Botanical and Zoological Gardens	9	0.2%
86 Membership Organizations	31	0.6%
87 Engineering, Accounting, research, Management, and Related Services	70	1.4%
88 Private Households	4	0.1%
89 Miscellaneous Services	0	0.0%
Government	41	0.8%
91 Executive, Legislative, and General Government, Except Finance	38	0.8%
92 Justice, Public Order, and Safety	1	0.0%
94 Administration & Human Resource Programs	0	0.0%
95 Administration of Environmental & Housing Program	2	0.0%
96 Administration of Economic Programs	0	0.0%
97 National Security & International Affairs	0	0.0%
99 Nonclassifiable Establishments	874	17.8%